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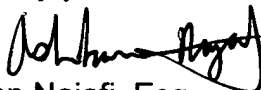
RE: **Petition to Make Special** for nonprovisional utility patent application titled  
"Drill Bit Cone Protector"; Attorney Docket: **OCI807**

To Whom It May Concern:

Applicant respectfully requests the above-referenced application, included herewith, be made special and examined out of turn, per 37 C.F.R. 1.102(c). The present petition includes a copy of applicant's birth certificate as evidence showing applicant is over 65 years of age. No fee is required with such a petition.

Should any questions arise, please contact the undersigned attorney of record.

Very truly yours,

  
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Enclosure